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SUBJECT: REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO FROM PRESIDENT FORD: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: YOUR WARM AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF AUGUST 9 ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND, AND THAT WE WILL SEEK TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE WARM TIES AND CLOSE COOPERATION THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WITH MY BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE.

2. FYI. ORIGINAL MESSAGE READ QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN AND ON MY OWN BEHALF I CONVEY TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OUR WARMEST FELICITATIONS ON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH YOUR DEEP PERCEPTION OF GOVERN-

MENTAL PROCESSES, YOUR VAST EXPERIENCE OF PUBLIC LIFE AND YOUR WIDE INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK, YOU WILL MOVE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WITH VIGOUR AND DETERMINATION

TOWARD THE REALISATION OF THE HIGH IDEALS WHICH HAVE INSPIRED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO RISE TO THE LOFTIEST HEIGHTS OF HUMAN ENDEAVOUR.

A RENEWED PURSUIT OF THESE IDEALS IS IMPERATIVE IF THE FOUNDATION OF A STABLE AND EQUITABLE WORLD ORDER IS TO BE WELL AND TRULY LAID. YOUR PREDECESSOR HAD TAKEN BOLD INITIATIVES IN QUEST OF WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY. I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL SUCCEED IN TAKING THE WORLD FURTHER TOWARDS THIS GREAT GOAL.

AS FRIENDS AND ALLIES THROUGH THE VICISSITUDES OF MORE THAN TWO DECADES, PAKISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE SHARED A COMMON DEDICATION TO THE PROMOTION OF PEACE WITH JUSTICE FOR ALL PEOPLES. THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN VALUE AND CHERISH THIS PARTNERSHIP. I AM CONFIDENT THAT UNDER YOUR RESOLUTE LEADERSHIP, THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED. SINCERELY, ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO UNQUOTE. END FYI.

3. NEITHER DEPT OF STATE NOR WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT OF REPLY, BUT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOP. KISSINGER

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